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1. LOCAL PRESS OF 9 JUNE IDENTIFIED RONALD R I V E R A CALDERON AS THE PERSON WHO FIRED THE SHOTS WHICH KILLED EDMUNDO P E R E Z ZUJOVIC, LEADER OF THE CHRISITAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC) AND FORMER VICE PRESIDENT AND MINISTER OF INTERIOR OF CHILE. RIVERA, WHOSE PHOTOGRAPH WAS ALSO CARRIED IN THE PRESS, WAS IDENTIFIED BY PEREZ' DAUGHETER, WHO WAS IN THE CAR WITH HER FATHER WHEN THE ASSASSINATION TOOK PLACE. THE PRESS ARTICLE CLAIMED THAT RIVERA HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT OF THE LEFT (MIR) UNTIL 1969, WHEN HE WAS EXPELLED FROM THAT ORGANIZATION. (SOURCE:

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[REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REPORTED THAT ONE RONALD RIVERA, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST YOUTH OF CHILE, WAS A MIR LEADER WHO WAS CONSIDERED AS A POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT FOR MIGUEL E N R I Q U E Z AS MIR SECRETARY GENERAL.)

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] INTERIOR MINISTER JOSE T O H A G O N Z A L E Z

[REDACTED] TOHA TOLD [REDACTED] THAT ONE OF THE ASSASSINS HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED. TOHA ADDED THAT THE ASSASSIN IS A MEMBER OF A SECTION OF THE ORGANIZED VANGUARD OF THE PEOPLE (VOP), WHICH IS BEING DIRECTED BY THE RIGHT IN CHILE AND BY THE NORTH AMERICAN CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COMMENT: LOCAL PRESS ALSO IDENTIFIED RIVERA AS BELONGING TO THE VOP.)

3. THE DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATION (INVESTIGACIONES) HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE WEAPON USED IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PEREZ ZUJOVIC WAS PROBABLY ONE WHICH HAD BEEN STOLEN FROM THE CARABINEROS. INVESTIGA-

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CIONES ALSO STATED THAT THE VEHICLE USED IN THE ASSAULT HAD BEEN STOLEN. ([REDACTED] PRESS AND RADIO.)

4. THE REACTION OF SENIOR OFFICERS IN THE CHILEAN ARMED FORCES, AS OF THE [REDACTED] JUNE, WAS ONE OF CALM. MOST SENIOR OFFICERS, [REDACTED], TENDED TO DISCOUNT ANY POSSIBILITY THAT THE ASSASSINATION HAD BEEN COMMITTED BY RIGHTIST ELEMENTS AND PLACED THE LIKELY BLAME ON THE MIR, VOP, OR EVEN THE UNITED POPULAR ACTION MOVEMENT (MAPU) FOR THE ACT. ([REDACTED] COMMENT: NONE OF THE SENIOR OFFICERS [REDACTED] EXPRESSED ANY NOTION THAT THE MILITARY SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY TO MAKE A MOVE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. GENERAL AUGUSTO P I N O C H E T, COMMANDER OF THE SANTIAGO MILITARY GARRISON AND THE MILITARY OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE PROVINCE OF SANTIAGO UNDER THE CURRENT STATE OF EMERGENCY, IS A HIGHLY EFFICIENT SUBORDINATE OFFICER WHO CARRIES OUT ORDERS EXPLICITLY. HE IS UNLIKELY TO UNDERTAKE ACTION ON HIS OWN ACCORD.) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

5. THE COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES MET WITH PRESIDENT SALVADOR A L L E N D E BETWEEN 1300 AND 1500 HOURS ON 8 JUNE.

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THE RESULTS OF THAT MEETING ARE NOT YET KNOWN. ALL ARMY OFFICERS
OF GENERAL RANK WERE TO HAVE MET [REDACTED]. THIS
WAS TO HAVE BEEN A ROUTINE MEETING OF GENERAL OFFICERS AND WAS
PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED. [REDACTED]
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